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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir,

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated August 30, 2000 for three months from November 30, 2000 to February 28, 2001. Please charge the

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to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

The applicant's undersigned agent fully expects both the present request for extension of time and the concurrently filed response to the Office action dated August 30, 2000 to reach the Patent and Trademark Office within the requested extended date for response of February 28, 2001. In the event that the present request for extension of time is insufficient for entering the concurrently filed response, please accept this as a petition for any extension of time necessary in order to enter such response and please charge the necessary extension fee to the above-identified deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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